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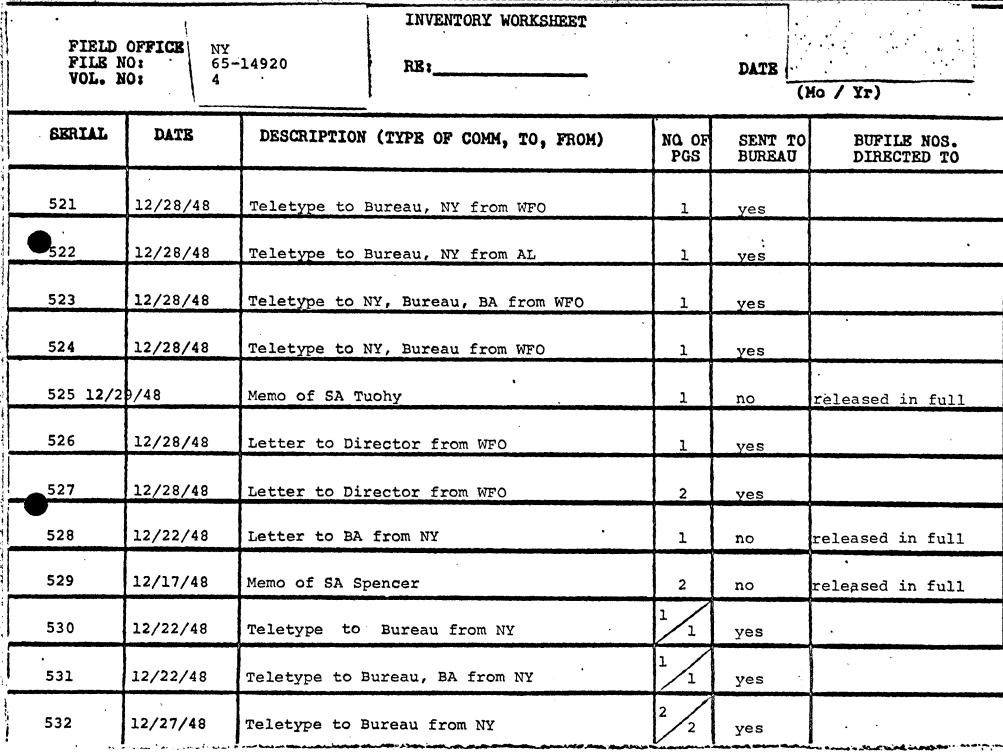
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461	12/23/48	Report of SA Johnstone	59	yes	
462	12/23/48	Report of SA Anderson	9	ye s	·
463 "	12/24/48	Lab report (L.R.) to WFO .	1	yes	
464	12/24/48	Report of SA Kerr	4	yes	•
465	12/23/48	Letter to Director from WFO	3	yes	
466	12/23/48	L.R. to NY	1	yes	·
467	12/23/48	Letter to Atlanta (AT) from Director	2	yes	
468	12/23/48	L.R. to WFO	1	yes	·
469	12/23/48	Teletype to BA from Director	1	yes	
470	12/23/48	L.R. to PH	1	yes	
471	12/24/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	yes	·
472	12/24/48	Report of SA Buscher	1	yes	was a second to the first that the fresh that I should be seen

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1 474	12/22/48	Letter to Director from MI	1	yes	•	
475	12/27/48	Teletype to NY from Bureau .	1	yes		
476	12/27/48	Teletype to Bureau, WFO, NY from PH	1	yes		
477	12/27/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY from WFO	1	yes		
478	12/27/48	Memo of SA Kelly	1	no	released in full	
479	12/27/48	Teletype to NY, Bureau from WFO	1	yes		
480	12/27/48	Teletype to NY, Bureau from WFO	1	yes	·	
481	12/20/48	Letter to Director from BA	1	yes	,	
482	12/20/48	Memo to NY from Albany (AL)	1	no	released in full	
483	12/21/48	Memo of ASAC, Belmont	1	no	released in full	
484	12/23/48	Memo of SAC, Scheidt	1	no	released in full	

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487	12/23/48	Memo of SAC, Scheidt .	1	no	released in full
488	12/24/48	Memo of ASAC, Whilan	2	no	released in full
489	12/22/48	Report of SA Small	3	yes	
490	12/22/48	Memo to NY from Director	2	yes	·
491	12/21/48	Teletype to NY, WFO from Director	1	yes	
492	12/23/48	Fingerpring card re Alger Hiss .	1	yes	,
493	12/28/48	Teletype to NY from BA	1	no	released in full
494	12/23/48	Report of SA Alker	.3	yes	
495	12/23/48	Report of SA McQueen	4	yes .	
496	12/23/48	Report of SA LeGrand	3	yes	

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497	12/23/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	yes	
498	12/24/48	Memo to NY from AL	1	no:	released in full
499	12/27/48	Memo of SA Hilsbos .	1	no	released in full
500	12/27/48	Memo of Supv. Granville	1	no	released in full
501	12/27/48	Teletype to Bureau from NY	1	yes	
502	12/27/48	Teletype to Bureau, WFO from NY	2/2	yes	·
503	12/27/48	Letter to Omaha (OM) from NY	1	yes	
504	12/27/48	Teletype to NY from Bureau .	1	yes	·
505	12/24/48	Memo to NY from WFO	1	no	released in full
506	12/27/48	Teletype to San Diego(SD) from Director	1	yes	·
507	12/27/48	Letter to Director from Detroit (DE)	ı	yes	
508	12/28/48	Memo of Supv. Tuohy	1	no	released in full

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509	12/28/48	Memo of Supv. Tuohy	1	no	released in full
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511	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau, WFO from NY	3 3	yes	
512	12/28/48	Memo of SA Tuohy	2	no	released in full
513	12/28/48	Memo of SA Granville	2	no	released in full
514	12/28/48	Teletype to PH, NY, Bureau from WFO	1	yes	·
515	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY from BS	1	yes	
516	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY from PH .	1	yes	
517	12/28/48	(SF) Teletype to Bureau, NY from San Francisco	1	yes	
518	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY, WFO from Cincinnati (CI)	1	yes	
519	12/28/48	Teletype to BA, NY from Bureau	1	yes	
520	12/28/48	Teletype to Director, NY from Buffalo (BU)	1	yes	



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533	12/27/48	Teletype to Bureau from NY	1	yes	·
9 534	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau, PH from NY	1	yes	•
535	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau from NY	1	yes	
536	12/28/48	Teletype to Bureau, WFO from NY	1 1	yes	`
537	12/28/48	Memo to NY from Director	1	yes	•
538	12/28/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	yes	
539	12/28/48	Memo of SA Shannon	2	no	released in full
540	12/29/48	Teletype to New Haven(NH) from NY ·	1 1	no	released in full
541	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, AL from NY	1/2	yes	
542	12/24/48	Report of SA Johnson	17	yes	,
543	12/24/48	Report of SA Todd	12	yes	
544	12/23/48	Report of SA Kirkland	13	yes	

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545	12/22/48	Report of SA Connors	15	yes	
546	12/27/48	Report of SA Neale	21	yes	,
547	12/28/48	Report of SA Jones	4	yes	
548	12/27/48	Letter to Director from BA	1	yes	·
549	12/29/48	Teletype to NY, Bureau from 'WFO	1	yes	
550	12/29/48	Teletype to NY, Bureau from WFO	1	yes	,
551	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY from BA	1	yes	
552	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, SL from NY .	1	yes	·
553	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, WFO from NY	2 2	yes	
554	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, BA from NY	1 1	yes	
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558	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, AL from NY	1/2	уев	•
559	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, PH from NY	1/1	yes	
560	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau from NY	2/2	yes	·
561	12/28/48	Letter to WFO from NY	2	no	released in full
562	12/29/48	Letter to Director from NY	1	yes	
563	12/29/48	Memo of ASAC, Belmont	2	no	released in full
564	12/29/48	Memo of ASAC, Belmont	1	no	released in full
565	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, BU from NY	1/1	yes	
566	12/29/48	Teletype to Bureau, SF, Los Angeles (LA), CG from NY	2/2	yes	,
567	12/29/48	Report of SA McCaslin	21	yes ·	`
568	12/29/48	Report of SA Wood	7	yes	man a manage of the same to be a supplication of the same of the s

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● 70	12/29/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	ye . s	•
571	12/28/48	Letter to Director from WFO .	1	yes	\$ 3 4 •
572	12/28/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	yes	
573	12/28/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	yes	
574	12/29/48	Letter to Director from WFO	1	yes	į
575	12/29/48	Letter to Miami(MM) from Director	2	yes	
576	12/30/48	Memo of ASAC, Belmont	2	no	released in full
577	12/30/48	Report of SA O'Brien	12	yes	•
578	12/30/48	Teletype to NY, NK, Bureau from WFO	1	yes	,
579	12/30/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY, PH, WFO from AL	2	yes ·	
580	12/30/48	Teletype to Bureau, NY from SF	1	yes	

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December 27,

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Re: JAY TAVID WHITTAKER CHATTERS, with aliases PER JURY ESPIONAGE - R.

At 9:50 a.m. today NELSON FRANK of the World-Telegram " telephonically informed the writer that several days ago an acquaintance of his whom he would identify only as a sincere, high type Socialist, had asked him whether he and his newspaper would be interested in buying certain information pertaining to captioned matter; particularly information to be supplied by HEDE "ASSING and which would, according to the representation made to FRANK, supply the aqual details connecting subject ALGER PISS with the Russian agent BORIS BYKOV A

FRANK said it was only after considerable interrogation of this man that he learned the information being offered emanated from "ASSING, and that after consulting with his editor on the matter, it was decided that the World-Telegram was not interested. FRANK claimed to have been unable to secure the exact details of the information to be furnished.

At 11:30 a.m. today FRANK further informed the writer that he had just learned that the above-described information was being purchased by the New York "Daily News" for a reported sum of \$750, and that the information had been represented as consisting of definite "proof" of the link between ALGER HISC and the Russian agent BYKOV. FRANK said he had not been able to establish whether "ASSING herself was the instigator of the transaction and explained that she allegedly had told her story to a friend, who in turn had discussed the matter with the Socialist friend of FRANKS, and that he did not know who was to receive whatever sum was realized in the event a sale could be made. FRANK also pointed out that "ASSING'S information was said to be noted on four sheets of paper which of course would go to the purchaser.

It is suggested that inquiry be made of MEDE "ASSING for details of this alleged transaction.

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J. W. KELLY. Special Agent

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Office Memoundum. UNITED STEES GOVERNMEN DATE: December 20, 1948 (R.M.S.D.) SAC, NEW YORK SEFROM IF SAC, Albany : /!30n JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHALBERS, was. PERJURY: ESPICIAGE - R Re Baltimore teletype, December 20, 1948. There is being transmitted herewith a photograph of FELIX AUGUST INSIERMAN which was obtained from the personnel file of RISLERVAN at the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. INSIERMAN is presently employed by the General Electric Company. For the information of the New York Office and the Bureau, the personnel file reflects that he is presently being investigated for clearance for scoret work on "Project Hermes", which is a highly secret U.S. Army Project presently being carried on at the Schenectady Works of the General Electric Company. (It would appear from his work address that he may already be employed on this project.) It is desired, in accordance with the request of the Ealtimore Office, that the photograph of INSIERMAN be exhibited to JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHALBERS, to determine if he is identical with the "FELIX" who was used as a photographer by the espionage network. In the event he is so identified, it is requested that this office be advised immediately, and it is suggested that the Eureau be notified immediately, in order that consideration may be given to furnishing the Army with sufficient information to cause him to be rejected for clearence to work on a secret project.

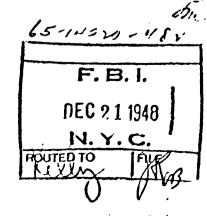
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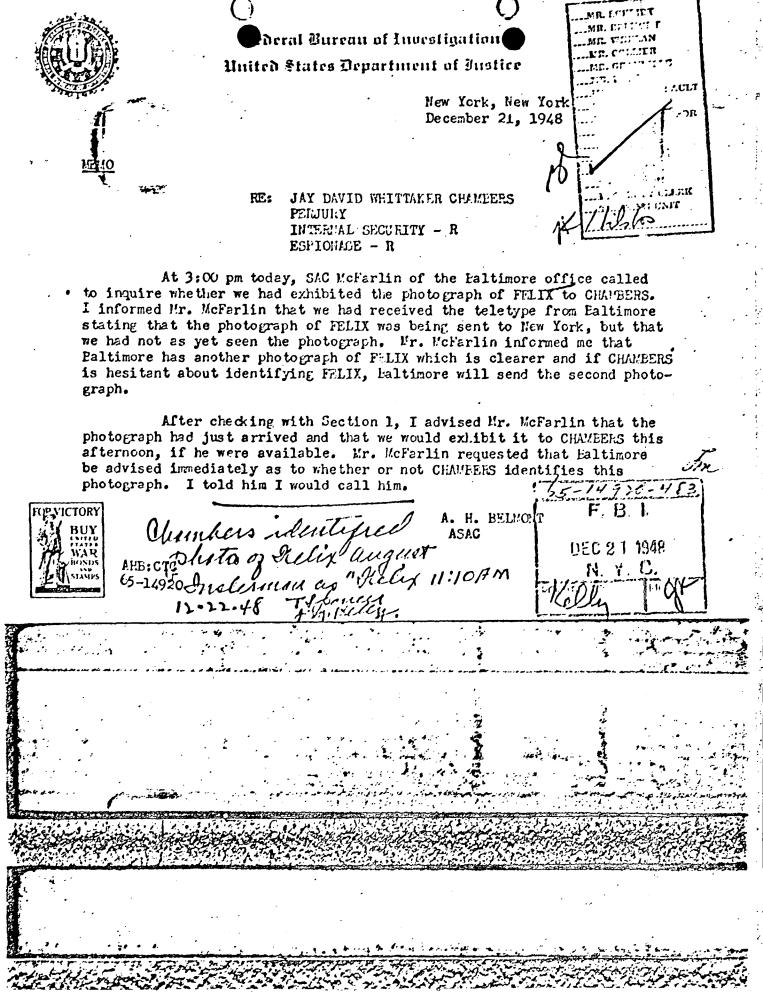
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December 23,19

LAURENCE DUGGAN &

At 5:20 I called Mr. Michols and read him the comments contained in the latest editions of the New York papers regard-. ing the above matter: "FBI keeps its secret on DUGGAN"; "FBI refuses to disclose results of interview"; "FBI denies there was anything mysterious about questioning"; "FBI declined to comment".

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Dec. 23, 1948

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMPERS PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY-R

At 8:10 PM on December 23, 1948 MR. DOMEGAN called and requested that IR. SCHEILT be furnished the following:

WR. STEPHEN BUGGAN brother of LAWRENCE DUCCAN today called IR. DOMEGAN and wanted MR. DONEGAN to make a statement with regard to the F.B.I. interview with his brother LAWRENCE. MR. DONEGAN said he could not make such a statement whereupon STEP!EN asked if it would be proper to contact the ATTORNEY GENEPAL. MR. DONEGAN told him that was proper and STEPHEN DUCGAN then indicated that he would probably follow that procedure.

The above information was telephonically furnished to IR. SCHEIDT.

Lester C. Wilhelm Special Agent

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> On the morning of December 24, 1948, Addendum: the above information was telephonically furnished to Assistant Director D. M. Ladd at the Bureau.

> > EDHARD SCHEIDT SAC

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MEMO

Re: LAURENCE DUGGAN

December 23, 1989

At 4 p.m. I received a call from Mr. Nichols in which he emphasized that we are to say nothing whatsoever to the press concerning the nature of the interview with DUCGAN or the reasons for his Interview. He advised that there had been a big story in the Miami papers going into the details of the interview and attributing the source of their information to this office. I assured Mr. Nichols that the story was absolutely without foundation and that we have not discussed the matter with anybody.

I pointed out that the press is apparently trying to keep the story alive; that we are constantly receiving inquiries; but that we have not told them anything except that DUGGAN was interviewed. I advised Mr. Nichols that there is little mention of the FBI in New York papers, except to state that so far this office has declined to reveal what DUGGAN said or why the FBI was interested in him. I told Mr. Nichols I would be on the look out for any mention of the FBI in future editions of New York papers.

Mr. Nichols said if we get any further inquiries from the press we should merely state we have no further comment to make other than what has already been said, and if questioned further we should tell them any other comment would have to come from the Attorney General. He also requested that we send a teletype to the Bureau setting forth exactly what we told the papers in connection with the DUGGAN matter.

I advised Mr. Nichols I would review the late editions of the papers here and would call him back to give a sympsis of what they say.

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MEMO

LAURENCE DUGGAN

At 5:10 p.m. I called Mr. Nichols and read to him a summary of an article appearing in today's edition of the New York Post by JAMES A. WECHSLER under dateline Washington D.C., December 23rd, concerning LAURENCE DUGGAN's story to the FBI allegedly obtained from a highly authoritative source. The article stated that he was asked by FBI agents what he knew of the alleged Communist underground sny apparatus within the Government. He told agents he had been approached by a person, identity not disclosed, with an offer to be admitted to the ring, but DUGGAN had rejected the invitation.

I pointed out to Mr. Nichols that the Post article states that the New York FBI has refused to answer any inquiries as to why DUGGAN had been questioned or what he said. I told Mr. Nichols I had before me a copy of a memorandum reflecting the results of a previous conversation had by Mr. Nichols with Mr. Belmont in which it was decided exactly what the press should be told, and that we had strictly adhered to the Bureau's instructions in this regard.

Er. Nichols requested I write a letter to the Bureau setting out the information given to the press and enclosing a copy of the mamo dictated by Mr. Belmont.

EDWARD SCHEIDT

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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I had a call referred to me from Mr. Scheidt's office on the morning of December 23d from MICHAEL SINGER, a reporter for

the "Daily Worker" who stated that he is doing some articles on the appearance of GEORGE HEWLITT before the Grand Jury. He stated that he had been advised by Mr. Scheidt on December 22d that this office had no record of the local police department's wanting

GEORGE HEWITT on a State warrant. He inquired whether or not there was any action that we ordinarily take to make people available whose whereabouts we know of for the local police. I advised him that there could be no general statement made to that effect since the local police

did not advise us or have no reason to advise us of every person that they went or have a warrent for, just as we don't advise the local police of every person for whose arrest we have a warrant.

I pointed out to him that we do maintain, under Congressional enactment the National Repository of Pingerprints in Washington and that local police are invited to place wanted or stop notices against the fingerprints of the person they went. Then if this person is picked up in mother jurisdiction and is fingerprinted and his fingerprints are sent in by the police department that recently arrested that individual, the Washington headquarters advises both police departments of the recent arrest.

I pointed out to him that such wanted notices in our National Fingerprint Pile in Washington are not known to all the various FBI offices like the New York Office.

he is interested in, when a men appeares before a Grand Jury to answer a subpoens there would be no fingerprints taken of the person and the operation of the fingerprint Bureau service would not come into play.

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SINCE then inquired whether or not it was lawful to atrest on a local warrant someone who was under a Federal Warrant or Federal process, such as HEWITT. I told him that was a legal question that could be passed upon appropriately by the local District Attorney interested in the case or by the Federal District Attorney, who is familiar with the case or that he might appropriately address it even to his own attorney; that it was not a matter of investigative fact upon which we could make any statement.

HEWITT, appearing before a Grand Jury, was not under some sort of guidance or protection of the FBI. I told him, again that I thought the proper place for him to address such an inquiry was to the local District attorney or Federal Attorney or his own attorney for a legal opinion, if that is what he wanted. I further advised that as a matter of fact he should, from his general information, realize that subpoenae issue from various State Judicial and quasi judicial bodiend various Federal Judicial and quasi judicial bodies as well as legislative bodies both Federal and State and that the FBI in no way ever comes into the picture since the subpoena is issued by either the State or Federal Judicial or Legislative bodies and that the person it is issued to is answerable to that body.

I called Inspector L. L. Loughlin at the Bureau and edvised him of the lead headline in the "Deily Worker" for this morning (dec. 23): "FBI PROTECTS STOOLPIGEON FROM APREST. Hewitt at Jury While Cops 'Seek' Him," and that the fact that this story had been written by MICHAEL SINGER and advised him of SINGER'S call to this office and of my answers to him.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN

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December 24, 1948

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ATTENTION: Special Agent FRANK O'BRIEN

Enclosed is material relating to the interview of FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN

Material produced in search being forwarded under separate cover.

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAHER CHAMBERS, with aliases

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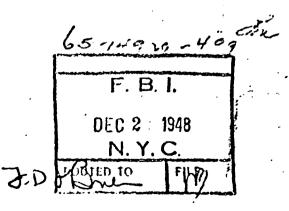
At 9:30 a.m. I called SAC Cornelius of the Albany Office and referred to Albany teletype of December 24, 1948, in which they stated that as a result of a search of the home of FFLIX AUGUST INSLER'AN a box of miscellaneous material including plans and technical data, some maked confidential, property of Republic Air Craft and/or Army Air Force, and 36 rolls of 35 mm film, some developed and some not developed, all being forwarded to New York City for review and evaluation, were found. I advised Yr. Cornelius that Yr. Fletcher of the Bureau had called this morning and stated that this material should not be sent to New York but should be sent to the Bureau for evaluation.

Vr. Cornelius stated that this material was leaving the Albany Office this morning and he would see that it was sent to the Bureau. He stated that the reason they had contemplated sending it to New York was because the headquarters of the Republic Aircraft was in the New York City area, and he also stated that the reason it had not gone out before this morning was because the Railway Express Office was closed and it was impossible to send it before this morning. I advised him that we would advise the Bureau of this.

J. T. HIISBOS, Special Agent

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New lork, New York December 27, 1948

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAPBERS
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Nr. H. E. Fletcher of the Bureau called me at 9:15 this morning and made reference to a teletype from Albany in instant case on December 24, concerning 36 rolls of 35millimeter film. In this teletype, it was mentioned that this film was being forwarded to New York for evaluation. Mr. Fletcher requested that we forward this film to the Eureau for its proper evaluation.

SA Jack Hilsbos checked with Albany concerning this matter and it was ascertained that all the material, which included papers as well as film, was still in Albany and he advised the Albany office to forward all this material to the Eureau.

I called Er. Fletcher back and advised him of the above and he said he would check with the Albany office concerning this matter and probably have them send the material to the bureau with an agent.

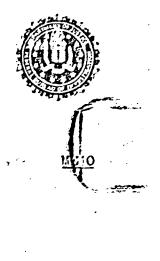
R. R. GRANVILLE Supervisor

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At 10:40 am today, Supervisor Ken DeLavigne of the mashington Field Office referred to previous requests of that office for all the information in our possession which would assist them in locating the Woodstock typewriter which Mrs. AIGER HISS allegedly disposed of to a second hand dealer in "ashington.

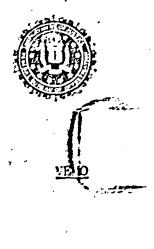
I advised him that we would check our files and advise them of any additional information which would be in our possession in this regard and which would be of assistance to them.

> A. J. TOHY Supervisor

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At 11:25 am today, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the bureau referred to our interviews with GEORGE HEMITT and MAX MERGAL, in which information was developed regarding a woman named KLEINER (ph). He stated that he desired to know by phone today the status of our efforts to identify her.

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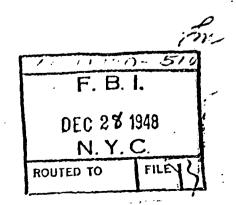
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On this date "r. T. J. Donegan communicated with the writer and advised that he had just received a telephone call from EDMARD C. YCLEAH ALGER HISS' attorney, and that the latter had requested to know the whereabouts of the typewriter specimens that have been previously handed over by him to Special Agent F. D. C'Brien of the New York Office. According to Wr. Denegan, "CLEAN is desirous of having these specimens returned to him in order that they may be appropriately examined by a handwriting expert. Wr. Donegan requested that in the event these specimens were in the New York Office they should be immediately returned to "r. "CIEAN, and in the event. they were still in the FBI Laboratory in Washington, some expeditious means should be used to have them returned to !r. "cLFAN as soon as possible. The specimens in question are set forth in a receipt dated December 10, 1948 (New York exhibit 1B-15) and receipt dated December 7, 1948 (New York exhibit 188). These exhibits were returned to "r. "CLEAN in his office at 80 Broad Street, New York City, and an appropriate receipt for them ispeing maintained in the file of this case.

> T. G. SPENCER, Special Agent

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This efternoon, I advised Er. H. E. Fletcher of the Eurcau that HEMRY HILL COLLINS, Jr., upon contact, had refused to permit being interviewed by us. He stated that he could be of no assistance to the FBI and did not want to be interviewed by the FBI.

With respect to the Eureau'sinstructions that we interview FREDERICK V. FIELD I advised that we had ascertained today that FIELD is presently believed to be at New Hartford, Connecticut, near Torrington; that one source indicated he would be there until after New Years while another source indicated that he was returning to New York City tomorrow morning. I asked Mr. Pletcher if he desired New Haven to attempt to interview him today. He stated we should wait until tomorrow on the possibility that he will be in New York. I advised him we would do this and, in the event he did not return, we would have New Naven make a discreet check to ascertain if he is definitely at New Hartford.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that T. J. Ponegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, had informed us today that Mr. McLEAN, attorney for AIGER HISS, had requested that the typewriting specimens turned over to this office by McLEAN be returned; that Mr. Ponegan felt they would have to be returned and accordingly, we were returning them to Mr. McLEAN this afternoon.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that, with respect to his inquiry earlier today relative to the WCODROW WILSON FOUNDATIONS we had ascertained that FPANKLIN D. BUCSEVELT was its first president and that HARRY CIDEONSE, President of Brooklyn College, is now its president. I further advised that numerous prominent names are listed among its directors, including DARRYL ZANUCK, JOSEPH DANIELS, HENRY WALLAGE, ets., and that its purpose is to promulgate the world peace ideas of WOODROW WILSON. It has a list of 200,000 contributors, maintains the Woodrow Wilson Memoral Library and, since we have no previous derogatory reference on it, it would appear to be a legitimate outfit.

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I further advised that we were still checking on KLEINER and would call him tack later today with the results of our inquiries.

at 4:55 pm today, I advised Mr. Fletcher that we were continuing our efforts to identify KLEINER but have not come up with enything. I informed him we discreetly interviewed some people and also the superintendent at the residence of ATMATER. The superintendent stated that ATMATER always has someone living with her. The superintendent stated he was not familiar with the name of KLEINER and pointed out that the apartment house is cooperative and does not permit Jewish people in. The superintendent further stated that ATMATER has been having a Mrs. JCHES living with her for the past 3 or 4 years. I advised Mr. Fletcher that in the event our inquiries are negative, we are going to make some discreet checks at the WCODROW WILSON FOUNDATION. I inquired of Mr. Fletcher whether there would be any objection to interviewing ATMATER in the event the check at the WCODROW WILSON FOUNDATION were negative. Mr. Fletcher stated he did not think there would be any objection but that we should clear with him before we contact ATMATER.

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I called Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau at 5:15 PM on the evening of December 27th and advised him that we had contacted HEDE MASSING and that she knew none of HISS! associates and knows nothing about BORIS BYKOV and added that any statement connecting ALGER HISS and BYKOV is inaccurate. She had never authorized the sale or the giving away of information and that the only people who knew of her knowledge of HISS' alleged espionage activities are the FBI, Federal Grand Jury and her husband, PAUL

I also mentioned that Hr. Donegan had advised us that HOR! A ABRAIS had told him that the "Daily News" had been offered a story concerning HEDE MASSING's knowledge of MISS' connection with BYKOV and which was mentioned in our teletype of the 27th. This story was the same as MELSON FRAMK furnished to us with the exception that there was a reference made to documents. I advised him this was probably the four proces of notes FRA K had mentioned to this office. Er. Donegan stated that Norma Abrams said she did not believe that the news would purchase a story.

I also called Mr. Pletcher's attention to an article appearing in the "Brooklyn Regle", by-lined Washington, D. C. dated December 27th, a UP dispatch, wherein they make reference to DRIM PEARSON's broadcast of Sunday night wherein he stated that HEDE MASSING and BORIS BYKOV had attempted to locate LAWRINGE DUGGAIL I pointed out that the person was probably wrong in his reference to PYKOV since MSSING did not know him and further that the story apparently circulating around the New York press on the 27th probably grew out of the PEARSON broadcost and has no basis of fact. I asked him if ho-dasined the article in the Hagle and also a similar article prominently mentioning hards IMSSING in connection with IAVHILLICE DUGGAN and Attorney General Tom Clark's interview on television broadcast Sunday night vernake jorghomented on LAWRENCE DUGGAN sent to the Bureau.

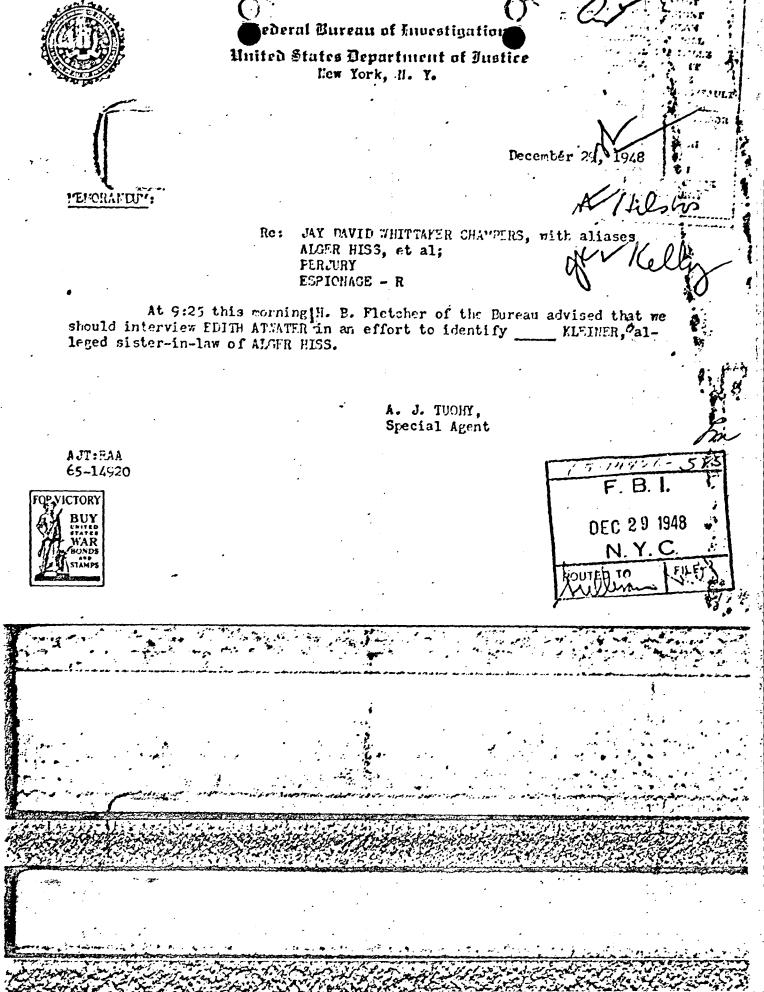
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Mr. Fle tcher advised that it would be unnecessary to furnish these articles to the Bureau as they were aware of PEARSON's comments.

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Reference teletype to Bureau and Baltimore today concerning interview to be conducted with authorities at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Varyland, concerning documents which Professor JOHN LEROY KELLEZ and in his possession. Enclosed photostatic copy of teletype sets forth in detail the numbers and description of these documents.

It is requested that upon completion of the interview the New York Office be immediately advised in order that the information may be conveyed to Assistant Attorney General Thomas J. Donegan.

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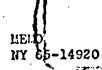
Late this afternoon Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. DONEGAN advised this office that he had received a telephone call from RUBIN B. SHELITZ; an Attorney, Two Seven Six Fifth Avenue, New York, who is the brother of CHALBERS' wife. According to Mr. DOMEGAN, SHEMITZ telephonically communicated with WILLIAM McMULTFor the Law Firm of MINTON and MCHULTY who are the present attorneys of CHAPBERS, and informed McHULTY that he had in his possession two notes in connection with the recent publicity about CHAMPERS! life having been threatened by GRACE HUTCHINS / MCMULTY had apparently advised SHELLEZ to turn these papers over to Government Officials. At six Pu this evening, agents of this office, at the request of ER, DONEGAN, appeared at his office where SHECITZ related the following story: SHEMITZ has only seen WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on about ten occasions subsequent to the marriage of his, EHDITZ, sister to CHAJBERS; that one of these occasions was sometime in nineteen thirty-eight when CHARBERS informed SHIMITZ that he was breaking with the Communist Party and gave definite indication that he was in fear of his life. Sometime thereafter, an unknown woman appeared at SHEMITZ' Law Office and, on finding that he was not there, left the following handwritten note: "Thursday, Kay nineteen. nineteen thirty-cight. Dr. Er. SHEMITZ there is a very important (this word underlined) message for your sister. If she or her husband will call either STEVE or me, we have some important memos for them. (Signed) GRACE, Labor Research Association, eighty East one one Street, Stuyvesant nine dash one naught four two." Later that same day, upon SHFMITZ' return to his office, he made a telephone call to the previously mentioned number and talked to a woman, whom he described as having a very "Intellectual and Cultured voice", who stated that if SHFDITZ would inform her of the whereabouts of CHALDING, she would see to it that CHALPERS' wife and two children would have no harm done to them. Although Er. SHFMITZ' recollection is not very clear on this telephone conversation, he did recall quite specifically that the woman indicated that it was "A matter or live

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During this telephone conversation, an appointment was made for this woman to visit SHIZITZ in the latter's office. SHEHITZ stated that upon a review of his diary for May, thirty-eight, there was found a notation "four forty PH Miss STEVEN or Miss STEVENS" He recalled that this Miss STIVENS talked to him and reiterated the conversation she had had with SHETIZ over the telephone previously, and SHETIZ agreed to got in touch with Er. CHAPBERS if he could. SHFETTZ stated that, although? he does not even have a hazy recollection of this woman's description, he is positive she is the same woman who talked to him over the telephone because, he stated, of the very cultured and refined voice she possessed. At the conclusion of this conversation, SHELITZ requested this person to leave a written note that he could turn over to Mr. CHALBIES and she then wrote the following on a torn slip of paper: "GRACE and her friend, STEVE, must get in touch with you ir mediately". There are other notations on this paper, which were explained by SHEHITZ - one is the notation, "Two one three naught W, Lynbrook", Long Island, and the notation, "Pikesville, Maryland eight four four F dash twelve, operator ninety one". SHEMITZ related this was the telephone number of CHAMBIRS in Maryland and that he had attempted to telephorically communicate with CHAV/BERS but was unsuccessful in reaching him. Sometime later, he stated, possibly within a month, SHEHITZ met CHAMBERS quite by accident near SHEMITZ! Law Office and he verbally informed CHATELES of the message and telephone conversations he had had with this unknown woman. SHELITZ was quite definite in his recollection that CHAIEERS did not outwardly place any importance whatsoever on the information supplied by SHELITZ at that time. Further efforts will be made to determine whether the CPACE and Miss STEVENS mentioned before are identical with GRACE HUTCHINS.

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On December 27, 1948, the writer contacted !r. T. J. Ronegan pursuant to instructions from the Pureau that he should be contacted relative to a proposed reinterview of HORACE SCHTAHL, private investigator, who has been retained by the attorney for ALGEN HISS, Pr. PCLEAR.

It was pointed out to vr. Donegan as set forth in the teletype of December 22, 1948, from the Washington Field Office, that SCH'AHL throughout his own investigation had inquired only about typewritten specimens and that he wade no inquiries concerning the typewriter itself; that further more it was felt that perhaps SCH"AHL had knowledge of the present whereabouts of the typewriter or had knowledge concerning the disposal of this typewriter by FRISCILIA or ALGER HISS. "r. Donegan stated that in order to interview SCH'AHL it would be necessary to contact the attorney, vr. "cLEAN. He stated further that he felt at this particular time not much of value would be obtained in reinterviewing SCHVAHL as SCHVAHL had previously stated that he would keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent, developments that he might uncover. Fr. Denegan felt that there would be a duty placed upon SCHPAHL, and also upon the atterney, "r. "CLFAN, to advise the Government if any evidence came into their possession that would be pertinent to this criminal investigation.

"r. Donegan was also asked if he felt that at this time we should Interview TD'OTHY HOPSON, Son of PRISCILLA HISS by her first marriage, who is Fresently residing will-the HISS family at 22 East Eth Street: "r. Ecnegan stated that he felt that the proposed interviews of SCH'ABL and ECESON should. be held in abeyance at the present time. He stated that he still felt that the most damaging evidence in the Government's possession were the statements made by ALGER EISSon December 4, 1948, to the agents in the Baltimore Office that his wife, Phiscilla, had disposed of the typewriter to a second-hand dealer in the vicinity of their home in Washington, D. C., subsequent to 1938. Ur. Donegan stated that in AIGFR HISS! testimony before the Grand

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It was Mr. Donegan's thought that ALGER HISS had completely forgotten about his statement to the agents in Paltimore, and that he did not feel that he wanted to refresh ALGER HISS recollection as to this statement. He stated that it was his thought that an interview with HOBSON or SCH'AHL, which in all probability would have to be conducted in the presence of the attorney McIEAN, may in all probability bring out the discrepancy between HISS statements to the Paltimore agents and to the Grand Jury.

"r. Donegan was advised of the contents of the teletype from the Washington Field Office dated December 24, 1948. "r. Donegan stated that since there were now three witnesses in Washington who had knowledge of a typewriter being in the HISS home around 1946 or 1947, he felt these were very strong points and furthermore he had no objection to the agents of this office conducting extensive investigation in the vicinity of the HISS home in order to secure witnesses who may possibly have observed the typewriter in the home of ALGIR HISS at 22 East 2th Street, New York, N. Y. He stated he had no objection to agents interviewing the superintendent and in fact he felt that they could even go to the neighbors who live next door to the HISS apartment to make inquiries regarding their knowledge of the existence of a typewriter in the home of ALGER HISS.

Pr. Donegan stated that in the event witnesses are found who can reasonably be sure that they have observed an old-fashioned upright typewriter in the home of AIGER HISS, at this point he would consider contacting attorney "cLEAN and advising him that we now have definite evidence that the typewriter was in the HISS home in Washington, D. C., in 1946 and 1947, and was also observed more recently in their home in New York City. "r. Donegan stated that he felt at this point the interviews with TP'OTHY HORSON, "rs. HISS, and SCH'AHL may then be contemplated.

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The following is a summary of all information in the possession of this office with regard to the disposal of the Woodstock typewriters in the second of the woodstock typewriters in the woodstock typewriters

At the time ALCER HISS was interviewed on December 4, 1918, by agents of the Baltimore Office, he advised that it was his recollection that the type-writer was disposed of subsequent to 1938 to a second-hand dealer or second-hand typewriter store in the vicinity of his home in Washington, D. C. At the time ALCER HISS testified before the Grand Jury in Hew York City he was asked if he remembered whether the original big typewriter was sold or thrown out, and he answered he hadn't any recollection of its disposition. On another occasion before the Grand Jury he was asked how he disposed of the typewriter, and he said he frankly had no idea.

When Mrs. HISS was questioned both by agents of this office and before the Grand Jury, she stated that she recalled that they had an old typewriter that was given to her by her father in the early 1930's, but that she
had no recollection of when or how it was disposed of. Upon constant questioning she maintained her position that she had no knowledge of how the typewriter
was disposed of or the exact time it was disposed of.

TIVOTHY HOBSON, at the time he was questioned before the Grand Jury, advised that he only slightly recalled a large old upright typewriter in his home in Washington, D. C., but that he had no knowledge of how this typewriter was disposed of. Thus it can be seen that the only information as to the disposal of this typewriter was secured from ALGFR HISS when he was originally spoken to be agents of the Baltimore Office on December 4, 1948.

This office is conducting extensive investigation in the vicinity of the present residence of ALGIR HISS in order to ascertain if any of his neighbors or the superintendent or other employees of his house have any knowledge of the presence of an upright typewriter in his home. This office is also attempting to secure specimens of typewritten material typed by ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, as well as by TIMOTHY HOBSOM.

As you have been previously advised, Mr. Donegan is opposed at this time to further interviews of "rs. HISS or TIMOTHY HOBSON. He has advised that he feels the statement made by AIMFR HISS to the Baltimore agents is very damaging.

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when hewed in the light of his testimony before the Grand Jury. For this reason he advised that he felt that further interviews of the immediate family should be held in abeyance.

You will be kept advised of any developments that are uncovered by this office that pertain to the location of the typewriter in question.

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On the afternoon, of December 29, 1948, I advised Er. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that ATWATEK was interviewed by the agents today and it was ascertained that the woman who was living with her was CHITHIA JONES I further advised ir. FLETCHER that relative to KLEINER, it was determined that the German word for "little one" is Kleine, and that CENTHIA JOHES was known as the "little one". CYNTHIA JOHES stopped living with ATWATER about 4 days ago and is supposedly staying at the Ecekman Towers. I informed Hr. Fletcher that we have not approached the Beckman Towers yet but if the bureau wants us to interview her we can do so., I also pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that CINTHI. JONES is supposed to be the sister-in-law of DONALD HISS, her sister having merried DONALD HISS It was mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that ATMATER may be a lesbian. I'told Mr. Fletcher that the "New York Sun" has made inquiries regarding CINTHIA JONES and that I thought we ought to contact her. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would get clearance on this.

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Relative to FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, I advised Mr. *letcher that he is still in Connecticut and that a check by the New haven office reflects that he will stay up there for the next few days. I advised Ur. Fletcher that, if the Eureau has no objection, we were sending one of our agents by train to hartford to conduct the interview of FIELD. The New York agent will be accompanied on the interview by the resident agent.

I inquired of Mr. Fletcher of the results obtained from developing the material obtained by Agent O'Erien when he interviewed INSLEPHAN/in Albany. Mr. Fletcher advised that all the material was developed but nothing was discovered pertinent to instant case. Mr. Fletcher stated that INSLERMAN, however, had documents which were marked restricted and that these were now being checked by the Air Force. I told Mr. Fletcher that Wr. Donegan wanted the material sent here by Friday so that he could review it prior to questioning INSIERMAN before the Grand Jury next week. Mr. Fletcher stated he would attempt to have the material forwarded to New York by Friday.

I informed Mr. "letcher that we were advising the Albany office to obtain IMSLERMAN's camera and send it to the Bureau. I stated that there

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might be an imperfection in the microfilm and we might be able to prove that INSLEMMAN is camera was the camera which took the microfilm. Mr. Fletcher stated that before the camera is obtained by the Albany office, he will check with the laboratory to see if such a test could be made and if the laboratory could prove this. He also pointed out that the Eureau does not have possession of the microfilm but that it is still in the possession of the HCUA.

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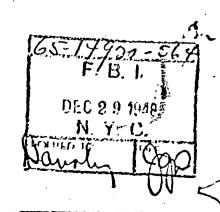
that an angle has come up in this case requiring that FFEDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD be interviewed. I informed Mr. Santoiana that it had been ascertained that FIELD is supposed to be at New Hartford near Torrington, telephone Mindstel 730-J-2. I told Mr. Santoiana that we thought FIELD was coming to New York today and that we would handle the interview here, but that a pretext telephone call to his secretary had disclosed that he will be at New Martford until New Years. Mr. Santoiana was informed that the bureau will probably want an agent from New York to conduct the interview but that we wondered if New Haven would ascertain if FINID is definitely at New Hartford, exactly where he is there and how long he will be there. I pointed out to Mr. Santoiana that if FISLD was going to be in New Martford today and tomorrow, we could make arrangements to conduct the interview him up there either today or tomorrow. I further told Mr. Santoiana that we will obtain Lureau clearance before we send an agent to New Martford to conduct the interview.

Mr. Santoiana advised that he would check on this immediately and call me back.

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At 3: 0 pm today, SAC Cornelius of the Albany office advised that INSIERUAL went to New York on Sunday afternoon and that his wife left for New York yesterday afternoon. He stated that a woman who lives down the road from the INSIERUANS is staying at the INSIERUAN house in their absence. The INSIERUANS advised this woman they would get in touch with her by phone tomorrow. This woman does not know where the INSIERUANS are staying in New York or how long they will be gone. Kr. Cornelius stated that the question arises as to whether Albany should have the woman turn the camera over to the agents on the basis of the old consent to search. Mr. Cornelius further stated this would not be done without authority from the Eureau.

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I inquired of Mr. Cornelius whether the INSLIRMANS advised when they were coming back or if they were coming back. He said that they had not. Mr. Cornelius further informed me that INSLIRMAN's supervisor at work did not know where INSLERMAN was; that he has not reported for work since he was questioned by the FBI, nor has he been home since the agents talked to him. Mr. Cornelius advised that when Mrs. INSLERMAN left yesterday for New York, he took with her a small girl who had stayed with them during the summer nonths and who had come back to stay with them over the Christmas holidays. This small girl, who is Italian, came to the INSLERMANS through the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund and she is JOAN MORRONE, of 626 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, Apartment 3-D. Mr. Cornelius pointed out that JOAN MOFRONE may know where the INSLERMANS are.

I told Mr. Cornelius that I did not think it would be possible to try to get the camera from the woman who is now staying at the INSLEMMAN house on the basis of the old consent to search. Mr. Cornelius agreed, and stated it would not be done unless the bureau checked with the USA and the USA approved or else issued a search warrant for it. I asked Mr. Cornelius if the name of the woman in the INSLEMMAN house was known and he said it was not. Mr. Cornelius advised that he was going to call the Bureau and advised Mr. sletcher of the above facts and ascertain what action the bureau recommends. I told Mr. Cornelius that I would be in touch with the tureau later on and would see what action should be taken. I pointed out that the bureau might want an agent to be present when the INSLEMMAN could.

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the woman tomorrow in order that he could talk to INSLEMMAN on the phone and get a consent to search telephonically or ascertain whether the camera is in New York with him.

Mr. Cornelius was advised that we would hold off checking on JOAN MORRONE until we learn whether the Eureau first wants to try to deal with INSLEMAN telephonically.

Er. Cornelius stated he would get in touch with Er. Fletcher and call me later.

Mr. Fletcher who instructed that the woman staying at the INSIERMAN house should tell INSLERMAN, when he calls tomorrow, that the FBI wants to get in touch with him. Mr. Cornelius stated that INSLERMAN will be furnished with my name so that he can get in touch with the New York office. If INSLEMMAN does not call his house tomorrow, then we should wait until Saturday. Mr. Cornelius further stated that if INSLEMMAN does not get in touch with this woman, this matter should be discussed with Mr. Donegan to find out if he wants to have a search warrant issued. Mr. Cornelius stated that Albany will make arrangements with the woman to tell INSLEMMAN that the FBI wants to get in touch with him and for him to give her the address where he can be reached.

I was further advised by Mr. Cornelius that Mr. Fletcher instructed that New York should go ahead and try to locate INSIERMAN through JOAN MORRONE, the objective being to locate him and talk to him. Mr. Cornelius stated that if nothing develops, the Albany office will arrange on Saturday to contact the woman staying at the INSIFRMAN house and at that time would try to get a lock at the enlarger in INSIERMAN's possession. I suggested to Mr. Cornelius that at that time the agents try to ascertain if the camera in is the house so that in the event we talk to INSIERMAN, we would know whether he was telling the truth.

Mr. Cornelius stated that INSLEMMN's supervisor in Schenectady has advised that INSLEMMN is in a better position than any man in the project to know the makeup of the guided missile, the kind of metal which goes into each part and what makes the missile function. He is also in an excellent position to evaluate all the information which comes to him.

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